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EDITORIAL

A Year To Be Proud Of

This Christmas week our readers will be too enveloped in their preparations for the approaching holiday to ponder with us editorially on the subject of what 1939 has meant to Appomattox. We shall await next week's issue, therefore, to discuss that topic. But we can't let Santa come and go without making the statement that 1939 has been the most progressive year in the history of Appomattox and we all should be properly thankful this Christmas for our many blessings.

As Al Smith used to say: Let's look at the record!

1939 saw the completion of nearly 90 miles of Rural Electric lines, one of the most beneficial projects ever undertaken by Appomattox..

1939 saw the completion of a new $125,000 central high school building here, the greatest educational advance in 30 years...

1939 saw the completion of a $65,000 town sewer system, greatest sanitary project in the history of the county..

1939 saw the development of Holiday Lake and a great recreational area in Appomattox and Buckingham which portends wonders for this section..

1939 saw the completion of a handsome county library building, the gift of a generous benefactor..

1939 saw a handsome new county office building in use..

1939 saw great improvements to Route 460 in and near our county..

1939 saw a great business upswing and development of community life, clubs, churches and pride in growth.

1939 . . . year of progress and achievement!

While Europe and Asia fought it out on battlefields during 1939, we poured concrete and laid bricks!

Let's be grateful that we live in a land of peace and a community of progress!

Short Days

From Orange Review

In December, the sun, on which our planet depends for its very life, doesn't like us very well. It goes as far south as it dares, and only peers over our horizon for a short day. Which means more coats for fuel and light, and a general lack of vitality that comes from bright sunlight.

If the people should look out for their eyes during these short days. Reading and working by imperfect light has hurt many people's vision. Better pay a little more for good lighting than allow those precious eyes to come to any harm.

Game Enemy No. 1

From The Winchester Star

For several weeks now, shotguns have been barking throughout Virginia and hunters have been taking their normal toll of wildlife.

But there is another hunter not restricted by game regulations, a perpetual, year-round menace—the common house cat which is far more wanton than man in the destruction of young quail.

Ike cat's prowl through woods and fields in quest of a kill is marked by eternal vigilance—and it is one of the most serious detriments to game conservation. Some authorities claim that one cat kills ten times as much game in a year as the average hunter during the comparatively brief open season.. and this is not without reason. Of course weasels, mink and foxes take their share, which is small, however, compared to Tabby's destruction.

We feel, along with many hunters men in this section, that the time has come to take serious action on the cat menace to game conservation.

DeFev Redistricting

From The Winchester Star

The legislative Redistricting Committee, of which John W. Rust of Fairfax is chairman, recommends that the reapportionment of the members of the General Assembly be deferred until 1942. Senator Rust's committee points out that the 1940 census figures will not be available for the legislature when it convenes next month and that any redistricting based on the 1930 census would be "ten years out of date." The logic of this is apparent. It would be a futile gesture to redistrict in 1940 using as a basis figures which are ten years old, when by delaying two years the General Assembly will have available an up-to-date census.

This newspaper has consistently urged that the state be redistricted. It should have been done years ago. But now that it has been put off so long it seems only logical that it should be delayed two years more so as to take advantage of the latest population figures.

$200,000,000 For Toys

From Eastern Shore News

Toy manufacturers estimate that the people of the United States will spend more than $200,000,000 on toys this Christmas.

This is a lot of money, but it is well spent. Of course, some children receive too many toys and other children receive too few, but, in the main, the joy and happiness that many children get is worth the price of the toys.

In this connection it may not be amiss to suggest that those who are financially able to do so should take advantage of the opportunity that Christmas presents to make somebody else happy. Almost every adult can do something that will add greatly to the happiness of at least one little boy or girl who will not otherwise enjoy a happy Christmas.

A Suggestion For The Game Department

From Rockbridge County News

Quail are said to be more plentiful in Rockbridge than for a number of years, and one of the reasons given is the increase in the planting of lespedeza. This re-seeding crop now covers much ground in the county. It improves soil, makes a good forage crop and incidently, but significantly for the game authorities, makes fine feed and cover for birds.

Water fowl in the county are also on the increase and while the shooting regulations may contribute to this increase, the principal cause is said to be the restoration of breeding and feeding grounds in the northwest. Proceeds from the sale of duck stamps amounting to $500,000 a year has been going to put back into marsh the lands drained and found to be worthless. The same thing would prove true of quail.

A constructive move on the part of the State Game Commission would be to offer free to farmers all the lespedeza seed they will plant.

There is much waste land in the county covered with broom sedge and other growth, and this fast-spreading crop would soon take root in these fields. The Commission could thus do a great service not only to the land owners but to the game crop.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D. Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

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Lesson for December 24

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THE CHILD AND THE KINGDOM

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 1:18-25; 18:1-6; 19:13-15.

GOLDEN TEXT—A little child shall lead them.—Isaiah 11:6.

The children's holiday!

Yes, Christmas is the children's day of days, and it is also the day for those who have been "converted and become as little children" (Matt. 18:3). It is quite proper that it should be so, for Christmas reminds us nothing very significant except as we gather at Bethlehem's manger and there we find a child, the Christ-child. Those who come on the morrow to do homage to Him in the spirit of childlike faith will truly keep Christmas. In that spirit the writer of these notes wishes for you what I read these lines just that kind of a holy day of joy and gladness.

Let us then go first of all to Bethlehem, and there having seen the One who "became flesh and dwelt among us" as a little child, we shall be ready to go on and learn from Him what a blessed example, responsibility, and opportunity there is in the childhood which we see all around us.

I. The Child—Jesus Our Saviour (Matt. 1:18-25).

The virgin mother Mary "brought forth her firstborn son" and "called his name Jesus"—the one who should "save his people from their sins" (vv. 21, 25). In order that He might be able to save He had to be born of a woman, be born under the law, and be obedient unto death (Gal. 4:4; Phil. 2:8). Only as He did all this could He be the Saviour of sinners.

BEST WISHES

Beulah's Tea Room

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AS JOY THIS HAPPY TIME CAN BRI
NEW YEAR BRING YOU THE BEST O

One Christ does not believe in the pictures and in Jesus Christ our Lord.

II. The Child—Our Example (18:1-4).

The disciples had been having a discussion about who was to be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. This was not because they desired their brothers' advancement, for each one wanted to be the greatest (Luke 9:46).

Jesus frankly told them that they needed a real change of heart, a conversion. True greatness is not a matter of worldly position or ambition, but of a childlike humility. Such an idea was absolutely revolutionary in the day of Jesus, and in fact sounds unbelievable to the worldly man today. But it is nonetheless true that the great man or woman is the one who knows and recognizes himself to be utterly dependent on God in every moment, every circumstance, every trial, and in every opportunity of life. We need to learn of our children.

III. The Child—Our Responsibility (18:5, 6).

These awful, solemn words should be considered with great care. What a terrible judgment awaits those who cause little ones to stumble by reason of their false teaching, their failure to bring God's Word to bear upon their lives, improper discipline in the home, or the influence of a bad example. There are probably preachers, teachers in the Sunday School, grandparents, uncles, aunts, mothers, fathers, yes, even friends of little children who need to reread these verses and then cry out to God in repentance before it is too late.

IV. The Child—Our Opportunity (19:13-15).

Jesus knew the real value of a child and His loving heart reached out to invite the children to come unto Him in love, in obedience, and in trust. When they came, He never failed to bless them.

The glorious thing is that we are privileged to thus bring little children to Him. Someone may say, "Jesus is no longer on earth, I cannot take my child to him." Jesus is not here in the flesh, but He is here ever present with His children. You can bring your child to Him for the coming which He has in mind in these verses is not in any physical sense but rather spiritual. The parents who teach their little ones about the birth of Christ on this Christmas day have brought them to Him. Every word of instruction, every encouragement to pray, every example of devotion to Christ which the child may follow is the true bringing of that child to Him.

Will you do it this Christmas—in the home, in the Sunday School, in the church, anywhere? If you do, there will be blessing beyond your ability to contain it and you will have

A Blessed Christmas!

Stonewall Personals

Stonewall, December 20.- Miss Annie Alvis, of Richmond, Kentucky, arrived Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis.

S. E. Anderson returned to his home here this week from Memorial hospital where he has been a patient for three weeks.

Miss Anna LeGrande, of Lynchburg is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Stratton.

Miss Dorothy Lee Johnson of Appomattox spent the week-end with Miss Nellie Barnes.

The following young people have arrived to spend the holidays here: Misses Agnes Jennings, of Richmond; Louise Turner, of Blackstone; Maude Burnette, of Natural Bridge; Alma Simmons, of Lynchburg; Doris Caldwell, of Naruna; Mary Owen Carson, of Farmville State Teachers College; Mary Davidson, of Blackburg; Eleanor Davidson, of Dendron; and Faye Stratton of Randolph Macon Womans' College; George Macon, of V. P. I. and Joe Burnette, of Roanoke.

Paul Perdieu is suffering from a broken leg, at Memorial hospital, as a result of an explosion at a sawmill here Monday. Curry Moore, the owner of the sawmill, was injured, but is able to be out.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Bethel church met Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. J. A. Stratton. The topic of the program was "Our Available Resources for Nesting the New Year.'" Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Emma Perdieu spent the week-end with relatives in Lynchburg.

O. R. Steves and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ayers, of Ranoke, spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. P. B. Stratton.

Charlie Perdieu had his tonsils removed in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stratton, Cecelia Stratton and Hartwell Stratton and Marshall Stratton Jr., spent Sunday with the Misses Lewis, in Lynchburg.

SUNDAY AREAS GAIN

Thirty-two of Virginia's 100 counties, 20 towns and two cities have banned the sale of wine and beer on Sundays, according to records of the State ABC board. The town of Pulaski became the 20th town to outlaw such sales when it passed an ordinance effective January 20. Last week the town council of Lawrenceville again rejected the pleas of a number of churches and individuals seeking a ban on Sunday sales of wine and beer.

COLORED DOTS

The Calendar rally pageant came to a successful end Sunday evening at 3 P. M. at the Galilee Baptist church before a large crowd of members and friends. The program had been on for several weeks among the twelve members of the Sunday School who represented each of the twelve months of the year. The reports were as follows: January, Mrs. Lucy Stephens, 14.25; February, Miss Hester Stephens, 14.25; March Miss Mildred Flood, 1.04; April, Mrs. Annie Chilton, 2.00; May, Miss Elaine Patterson, 1.80; June, Mrs. Virginia Watson, 5.35; July, James Flood, 1.00; August Miss Modessa Tibbs, 3.10 and Craig Watson 1.16; September, Mrs. Lucy Tibbs, October Miss Grace Branch 3.00; November Mrs. Nannie Wright, 3.55; December, Mrs. Laura Patterson, 9.75, and R. Q. Lawing 1.00.

The public is invited to attend a musical program at the First Baptist church Friday night at 8 P. M. under the auspices of the choir, under the direction of Miss Gladys Williams. The admission will be ten cents.

All members of the Galilee Sunday School are asked to come out Sunday at 10 A. M. instead of 10:30. The public is invited to worship in the new Promise Land church on Sunday. The pastor will preach a special sermon. The church choir will render special music. A special Christmas program will be given at 8 P. M. under the auspices of the adult education class of Appomattox and Promise Land communities, under the direction of Mrs. Annie Chilton. At the close of the program all members in the calendar rally will make their final report.

First Baptist church will hold its Christmas tree exercises on Christmas night.

Bad Breath May Show You Need This Help!

Bad breath is sometimes due to bad teeth and often due to sluggish bowels.

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Christmas Hints

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Oakville, Va.

Dear Santa Clause,
My name is Virgie Moore. I am in the primer. I am six years old. I want you to bring me a wagon, gun, caps and oranges, candy, nuts and grapes. Your little friend,

Virgie Moore.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 8 years old. My name is Thelma. I try to be good for Mother tells me that Santa Claus won't come to see bad girls. Please bring me a color book and box of colors and a di-dee doll with a layette, and candy, nuts, apples, sugar plums, a coconaut, and other things if you like. Don't forget Daddy and Mother and Grand Daddy and Grand Mother. From a little friend,

Thelma Lucado.

Oakville School.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll baby, a gun, some oranges, apples, nuts and some candy. By, From your little friend,

Ida Moore.

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old. I have been a good little boy this year and I hope that you will be good to me. I want two pair of Lone Ranger pants, candy, oranges, tangerines, nuts and sparklers. Don't forget Claud Allan and Alton Moore and me.

Bobbie Phelps.

Gladstone, Va.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl going to school. I am six years old and I want you to bring me a doll, rocking chair, set of dishes, candy, apples, oranges, tangerine, grapes, raisins and nuts. I have a little sister two years old. She wants a doll, rocking chair and good things to eat. She has been very, good. Yours truly,

Daphne Wells.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a blue coat and a doll, and clothes, and a sulky and a toy ball, complete paint kit, Chinese checkers and a Bible. I want some candy, and bring Mother and Daddy some candy, oranges and nuts.

Birdie Harvey.

Oakville, Va.

Dear Old Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pencil box, a toy cat, some apples, oranges, nuts and some candy. By by. From your little friend,

Orah Moore.

Appomattox, Va.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl. I go to Oakville school. I am in the second grade. Please bring me doll clothes, a tricycle, and a ball. Don't forget the other little girls and boys. Your little friend,

Josephine Walton.

Oakville, Va.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy seven years old. I am a good little boy, and I want you to bring me a big red wagon, some pencils, a little truck, ball, candy, bananas, oranges, nuts, raisens and peanuts. I will be looking for you Christmas. Love

Watts Moore.

Spout Spring, Va.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old, and I have been a good little girl. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a watch, a ring and a doll carriage. I want a lot of sweets. I want some oranges, sugar plums, candy, English walnuts and grapes and apples. Don't forget my grandpa, who is sick. Please go to see all the other little boys and girls. Love always,

Macky McCormick

Evergreen, Va.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy almost 3 years old. Will you please come to see me Christmas and bring me a little gun, a tricycle, some candy, oranges and nuts and grapes. Please don't forget Mama and Daddy and also my two grandmothers. Thank you for my nice toys you brought me last Cristmas. Well, I am going to be looking for you, and please be good to all the little boys and girls. Lots of love,

Tadd Walker Jennings.

British claim success for convoy method of merchant shipments.

Senator Norris asks Roosevelt should remain silent on 1940 plans.

Greta Garbo gives $5,000 to Finland relief fund

Japan widens income tax base.

Cub Creek Events

Cub Creek,- Farmers throughout this community are busy killing hogs and marketing tobacco.

Rev. H. L. Reeves conducted services Sunday at Concord church.

Mrs. Martin Jennings and son, Carl Jennings, and Paul Bennet attended the funeral and burial of Mrs. Jennings' brother, John Hamlett, of Norfolk, who died December 2.

Mrs. Stanley Berckley, of New Castion, Ohio, has been visiting Mrs. Estell Calhoun for several weeks. She left recently to spend some time in Florida.

Mrs. Lucile Rhoads, who has been visiting in the home of her mother, for several weeks, left Wednesday for her home in Maysville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans, of Clifton Forge, recently visited Mrs. Evans' mother, Mrs. Ella Pugh.

Mrs. Estell Calhoun visited last week in the home of Miss Susie Price, near Madisonville.

Friends and relatives of this neighborhood regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. Ellie Marshall, of Madisonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Orie Schaubach, of Crewe, recently spent the week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cawthorn.

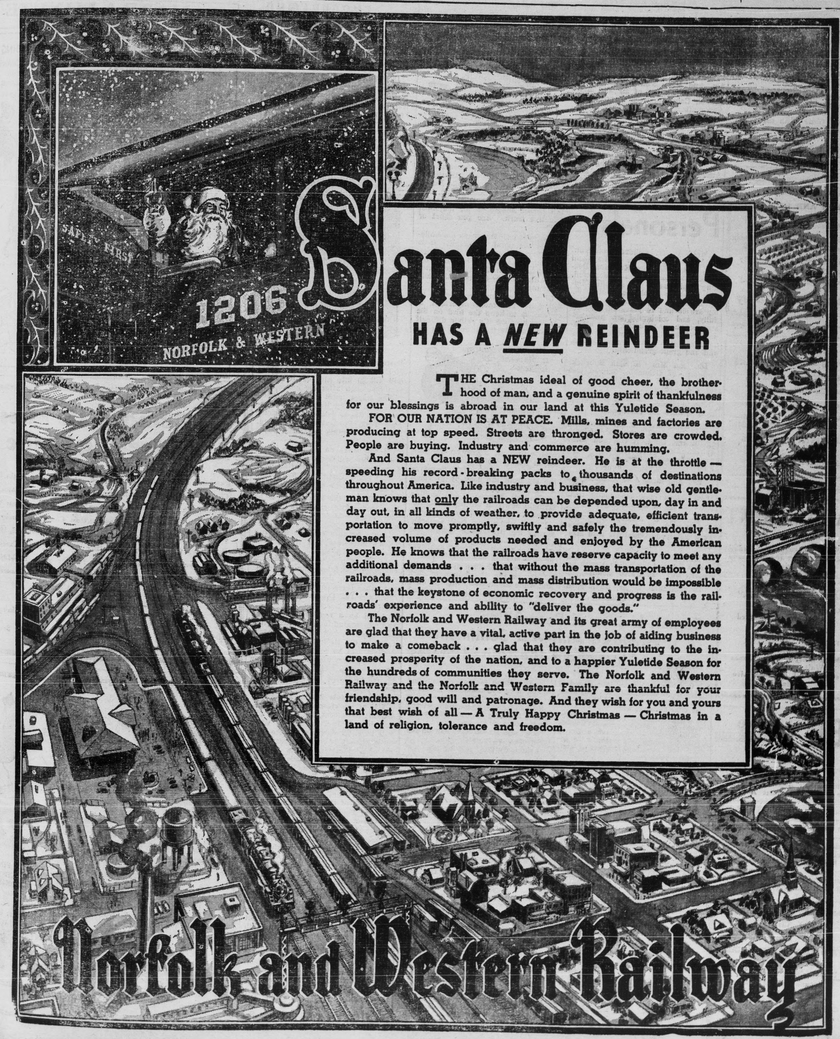
Miss Lena Hunter, who is attending college this session, at Montreat, N. C., arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fleshman were Mr. and Mrs. Otha Hamlet and son, Hilton: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilburn, and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fleshman. Mr. Fleshman, who has been sick, is improving slowly.

Movie of "Gone With the Wind" has premiere in Atlanta.

Germany is building submarines by mass production method.

Finland pays war debt instalment to United States, despite pressure of Russian invasion.



Santa Claus HAS A NEW REINDEER

THE Christmas ideal of good cheer, the brotherhood of man, and a genuine spirit of thankfulness for our blessings is abroad in our land at this Yuletide Season.

FOR OUR NATION IS AT PEACE. Mills, mines and factories are producing at top speed. Streets are thronged. Stores are crowded. People are buying. Industry and commerce are humming.

And Santa Claus has a NEW reindeer. He is at the throttle — speeding his record-breaking packs to thousands of destinations throughout America. Like industry and business, that wise old gentleman knows that only the railroads can be depended upon, day in and day out, in all kinds of weather, to provide adequate, efficient transportation to move promptly, swiftly and safely the tremendously increased volume of products needed and enjoyed by the American people. He knows that the railroads have reserve capacity to meet any additional demands . . . that without the mass transportation of the railroads, mass production and mass distribution would be impossible . . . that the keystone of economic recovery and progress is the railroads' experience and ability to "deliver the goods."

The Norfolk and Western Railway and its great army of employees are glad that they have a vital, active part in the job of aiding business to make a comeback . . . glad that they are contributing to the increased prosperity of the nation, and to a happier Yuletide Season for the hundreds of communities they serve. The Norfolk and Western Railway and the Norfolk and Western Family are thankful for your friendship, good will and patronage. And they wish for you and yours that best wish of all — A Truly Happy Christmas — Christmas in a land of religion, tolerance and freedom.

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